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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance and the attached Notice of Allowability, the latter of which includes what is stated to be an "Examiner's Amendment", and which also includes an Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary, all mailed May 3, 2004.

So that the record will be more clear, applicants filed a Reply to the final Action on March 1, 2004, including a petition for three months' extension of time and payment of the three months' extension fee. Apparently there was some difficulty within the PTO regarding the speedy processing of

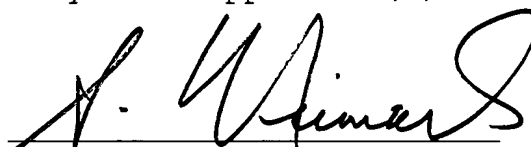
said Reply, as the examiner still had not received this paper as of March 24, 2004, at which time applicants faxed a copy of the Reply to the examiner; and then, two days later (on March 26, 2004), faxed to the examiner the postcard receipt establishing that the PTO had indeed received applicants' Reply on March 1, 2004.

Accordingly, no further extension of time was needed, as the extension fee had already been paid on March 1, 2004.

Also, it appears that there is in actuality no "Examiner's Amendment", as the claims allowed are the same as those submitted on March 1, 2004, and only the claim numbering has been changed consistent with usual PTO practice after allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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